



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ROBERT M. KUBECKA MEMORIAL ORGANIC GARDEN



Rules & Regulations

	Do & Those	Don'ts & Notes
New & Renewal Applications	 New Organic Garden Applicants are offered plots on a first come, first served basis and asked to choose a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of garden plots. Priority is given to prior Organic Garden participants. Renewal Organic Garden applications, and application payments must be returned by the deadline or plots may be assigned to another gardener. All Organic Gardeners must have signed and notarized Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreements on file with the Town of Huntington. 	 Renewal paperwork must be received, completed in its entirety, before any deadlines. After that date plots are subject to be released and offered to residents on the waiting list. No guarantee of present or future plot assignment, renewal or continuation in the Organic Garden Program is made or implied.
Start of Season	 The Organic Garden officially opens March 1 of each year. A garden plot must be cultivated by <u>June 1st</u>. 	 Gardens not cultivated by <u>June 1st</u>, are subject to being reclaimed by the TOH and the garden can be reassigned. Prior owner will have no recourse other than to apply for a new plot and be put on the waiting list.
Hours of Operation	 Hours of operation: Sunrise to sunset Months of operation: March 1st to Dec. 1st. 	End of Season: Garden plot should be left cleaned and all personal property removed by December 1st. There will be no access to the Organic Garden after Dec. 1st. Anything remaining at the Garden after Dec. 1st is considered abandoned and subject to disposal.

Use	 The use of Garden plots is limited to residents of the Town of Huntington and only one plot per household is permitted. Organic garden plots are for growing organic fruits, vegetables, flowers, shrubs, or ornamental grasses for personal or donated use only. 	 Any commercial use involving the Organic Garden is prohibited. The Town reserves all rights of enforcement to ensure compliance by Gardener with all federal, state, local laws and codes in addition to all rules and requirements of the "Organic Garden".
Plot Maintenance	 Garden plots must be actively maintained throughout the growing season and should be kept reasonably neat, clean and relatively free of weeds. Tools, stakes, plastic mulch and cutworm collars should be secured within the plot. 	
Pathways	Pathways between gardens are to be kept clear at all times.	 No materials, tools, obstruction or obstacles are allowed in pathways at any time. Gardeners are not allowed to encroach upon or incorporate pathways as part of their gardens.
Plot Safety	It is the responsibility of individual gardeners to maintain their plot and surrounding area in a clean and safe manner at all times. Rusted or broken chairs, fencing or other debris that can potentially become a safety hazard must be removed immediately.	
Fencing	 Fencing in and around garden plots shall be constructed of material, and in such manner, that is consistent with the garden setting and must be limited in height to a maximum of three feet. 	
Natural Look	 Type, size, shape and color of fencing, tarps, pails, buckets, landscaping fabric, hoses or other materials must be consistent and blend in with the look and surroundings of the Organic Garden. 	 The use of any color other than black, brown or green is not permitted for fencing, tarps, hoses or other materials.
Watering	 Water is turned on for the season around April 15 and shut off for the season around November 15. Gardens may only be watered when the owner is present on the site. 	

Gardening Amendments	At times there is donated composted horse manure and wood chips. These materials are made available to the Gardeners to use as natural, organic soil amendments and weed barriers. These items are for the exclusive use of garden members on their individual plots at the Organic Garden.	 Manure and wood chips at the garden are donated and not supplied or intended for use outside the Organic Garden. The use of chemical pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and/or chemical fertilizers is prohibited.
Old Material	Old plant material should be placed in designated areas for composting.	 Plant material and heavy debris such as rocks should not to be deposited in refuse containers.
Standing Water		 No containers, bowl, trays or other objects that can permit standing water may be left at the Organic Garden. The Town may disposed of these, without notice, if left at the garden.
Prohibited Items		 Carpeting, rugs, hallway runners, and non-landscaping fabrics are prohibited from use anywhere in the gardens or on paths.
No Vehicles		The riding or use of vehicles, including motorcycles, go-carts, and trail bikes is prohibited.
No Pets		No pets are allowed in the garden area, even if leash-restrained.
Hold Harmless & Indemnification	The Town Attorney's office requires every registered organic gardener to execute a HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT releasing the Town of Huntington from any claim or responsibility of any loss, theft, damage and/or personal injury in connection with the Organic Garden.	
Personal Safety	 Each registered organic gardener is responsible for his or her own safety and actions. Registered organic gardeners agree to be personally responsible and liable for the safety and actions of any guest they may have. 	

Respect	Each registered organic gardener has the obligation to treat all other gardeners courteously and respect each other's rights, privacy and property.	
Deficiency or Violation	 In the event the Town of Huntington notifies the registered organic gardener plot holder of a deficiency or violation of garden rules, the gardener must correct the situation immediately. Non-compliance within one week after notification is grounds, without further notice, for the Town of Huntington to cancel your permission to continue in the Organic Garden program and reclaim and/or reassign your plot. 	 The Town of Huntington reserves exclusive right of determination of compliance. Any item(s) not in compliance may be removed and disposed or discarded by the Town of Huntington, <u>WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE</u>, with no recourse by the owner of the object(s) and causing no responsibility for damages or replacement by the Town.

Please Note:

The Town of Huntington owns the Organic Garden area and property and reserves the right to change and/or modify rules, requirements, access, future programs, the continuation of the Organic Garden Program and all other decisions regarding the property at any time with no recourse by any person or entity.

The Town reserves all rights of enforcement to ensure compliance with all federal, state, local laws and codes in addition to all rules and requirements of the "Organic Garden".

The Town may, but is not required to, in its own opinion and at its own discretion, remove any object(s) that are not in keeping with the rules, the look or the stated or implied intent of the Organic Garden Program.

The Town may limit and/or rescind any or all access, permits or use of the Organic Garden or the property at any time without notice.

The Application fee; \$25 per season; seniors (over age 62) \$15 is non-refundable.

The payment to, or acceptance by, the Town of Huntington of the application fee shall not compel or obligate the Town to continue the Organic Garden Program, provide access, services or materials in any way.

Any issues dealing with the Organic Garden area, grounds, maintenance, or security should be addressed to **Thomas Boccard at** (631) **351-6616**